GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ADULTERATION IN MINERAL WATER AND PAN MASALA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the adulteration in the mineral water available in Delhi is to the extent of 71 to 86 per cent and in the case of pan masalas it is to the extent of 50 per cent; and

(b) if so the steps taken/proposed to be taken to prevent use of pan masalas and mineral water in Delhi?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) As per the information made available by the Government of NCT of Delhi, 46 samples of mineral waters were lifted in Delhi during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000, out of those none has been found to be adulterated. However, action for misbranding has been initiated against the manufacturers in 6 cases for labeling violation.

16 samples of Pan masala/Gutka were lifted during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 out of which 11 samples have been found to be adulterated.

(b) Vigorous efforts are being made to prevent the use of pan masala and gutka by creating awareness among the public through press and electronic media.

Efforts are also being made to regularly monitor the quality of the mineral water sold.